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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

God of power and providence, we begin this day of work in the Senate with Your assurance: "I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage."—Joshua 1:5-6. You have chosen to be our God and elected us to be Your servants. You are the Sovereign Lord of this Nation and have destined us to be a land of righteousness, justice, and freedom. Your glory fills this historic chamber. Today has challenges and decisions that will test our knowledge and experience. We dare not trust in our own understanding. In the quiet of this moment, fill our inner wells with Your Spirit. Our deepest desire is to live today for Your glory and by Your grace.

We praise You that it is Your desire to give good gifts to those who ask You. You give strength and courage when we seek You above anything else. You guide the humble and teach them Your way. We open our minds to receive Your inspiration. Astound us with new insight and fresh ideas we would not conceive without Your blessing.

Help us to maintain unity in the midst of differing solutions to the problems that we must address together. Guide our decisions. When the debate is ended and votes are counted, enable us to press on to the work ahead of us with unity. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, this morning, the Senate will begin a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the tobacco bill with a Gorton amendment pending regarding attorneys' fees. It is expected that a time agreement will be reached with respect to the Gorton amendment, with a vote occurring on, or in relation to, the amendment this afternoon. Following disposition of the Gorton amendment, it is hoped that further amendments will be offered and debated during today's session. Therefore, rollcall votes are possible throughout today's session as the Senate continues to make progress on the tobacco bill.

As a final reminder to all Members, the official photo of the 105th Congress will be taken today at 2:15 p.m. in the Senate Chamber. All Senators are asked to be in the Chamber and seated at their desks immediately following the weekly party luncheons. I thank my colleagues for their attention.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROBERTS). Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business, not to extend beyond the hour of 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the distinguished Senator from Florida, Mr. MACK, is recognized to speak for up to 15 minutes.

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, thank you.

INDIA-CHINA

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I rise today to express my concern with the handling of United States foreign policy on the eve of President Clinton's second summit with the People's Republic of China. American foreign policy should promote freedom, democracy, respect for human dignity, and the rule of law. It is hard for me to imagine that the President would reward inappropriate actions by the Chinese Communist Party leaders while simultaneously sanctioning the democratic leaders in India.

Over India's 50-year history, U.S. relations have been hot and cold. But we cannot deny the reality that today, India is the largest democracy in the world. India recently held the largest democratic elections in the history of the world. And democracy is more than just a word. We have a common bond with the Indian people based upon a commitment to democracy, freedom, and the rule of law. They are a people who have struggled for freedom from a colonial power in order to gain independence. We share that struggle in our histories.

India has many friends in the United States, and many Americans proudly claim Indian heritage. But our relationship with India has been neglected, and unfortunately, we find ourselves in a difficult bind. Due to India's recent decision to detonate nuclear devices on May 11 and May 13, we have instituted sanctions. I deeply regret the circumstances regarding India's decision to detonate nuclear devices. But the increased instability has been caused by China's proliferation policies, a U.S. foreign policy which favors China over India, and the licensing of technologies by the United States which enhances China's military capabilities.

Let me review some of the facts.

India has broken no international laws or agreements by choosing to test nuclear devices.

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